

## House Resolution 1612 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Ealum of the 153<sup>rd</sup>, Meadows of the 5<sup>th</sup>, Willard of the 51<sup>st</sup>, Hitchens of the 161<sup>st</sup>, Williams of the 168<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the federal government to take extra measures to provide the necessary health care  
2 and the additional needs of our military veterans, other affected federal employees, and their  
3 families who were affected by the contaminated water at Camp Lejeune; and for other  
4 purposes.

5 WHEREAS, for 30 years, highly contaminated substances such as fuel and dry cleaning  
6 chemicals seeped into the primary water system at the Marine Corps Base Camp Lejuene in  
7 North Carolina; and

8 WHEREAS, it took nearly 50 years to discover the contamination; and

9 WHEREAS, in the early 1980s, after discovering evidence of the contaminated drinking  
10 water, some water wells were closed; and

11 WHEREAS, the contamination has been linked to at least eight deadly diseases, ranging  
12 from leukemia to bladder cancer; and

13 WHEREAS, 900,000 military and federal personnel were affected by this unseen enemy, and  
14 many of them, along with their loved ones, died as a direct result of the diseases contracted  
15 due to the contamination; and

16 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Veteran Affairs linked scientific and medical  
17 evidence between the exposure to the contaminated water and the eight diseases prevalent  
18 in military veterans, other affected federal employees, and their families and is providing \$2  
19 billion in disability benefits to those who contracted medical diseases from the  
20 contamination.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
22 the members of this body urge the federal government to take extra measures to provide the

23 necessary health care and the additional needs of our military veterans, other affected federal  
24 employees, and their families who were affected by the contaminated water at Camp  
25 Lejeune.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
28 Secretary of the United States Department of Veteran Affairs and to each member of the  
29 Georgia congressional delegation.